

In the United States Patent Office

In re Application:

Serial No.:

09/676,453

Filed:

10/02/20

Inventor:

Bassi et al.

Examiner:

CINTINS, IVARS C

Art Unit:

1724

Docket no.:

UWO3US

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. U.S.A. 20231.

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office Action of December 19, 2001 please amend this application as follows

In the claims

Claim 1 line 10 please delete "the"

Claim 15 line 7 please change "co current" to read -co-current-

Remarks

Claims 1 to 20 inclusive are being prosecuted

By this amendment a typo in claim 1 has been deleted.

Reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1 to 14 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102 is respectfully requested in the light of the following. Claim 1 (as amended) contains the following limitations and it is believed the limitation in bold print define a clear difference in structure between the present invention and that of Stevenson.

"means to feed fluid into said first fluidized bed adjacent to a second end of said first fluidized bed, said second end being remote from said first end so that said solids and said fluid flow in counter current, a second fluidized bed, said second fluidized bed being an

FAX RECEIVED
MAR 11 2002
GROUP 1700
Official